

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendment and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in this application, of which claim 1 is the only independent claim and the rest are dependent.

SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner O'Toole for her time during the telephone interview of October 29, 2009, the contents of which is summarized below.

After a brief discussion, an agreement was reached as to claim amendments required to overcome the rejections. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims as shown in the preceding section.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jin *et al.* ("On the Power Dissipation in Dynamic Threshold Silicon-on-Insulator CMOS Inverter," IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices, Vol. 45, No. 8, August 1998, hereinafter "Jin") in view of Ishibashi *et al.* (USP 6,864,539, hereafter "Ishibashi") and further in view of Shimomura *et al.* (JP 10-189957, hereafter "Shimomura").

As discussed and agreed upon during the interview conducted October 29, 2009, Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome the rejection under §103. Claims 2-8, dependent on claim 1, are also allowable at least for the reasons given above with respect to claim 1 and also on their own merits.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

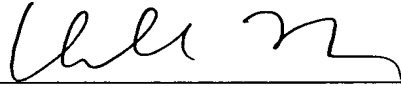
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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